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Grenada

Addendum

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Grenada's Government's response to the 104 recommendations

1. Grenada welcomes the recommendations made at the occasion of its second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (2nd UPR) in Geneva on January 27, 2015. Subsequent to the review, Grenada engaged in consultations with the relevant stakeholders with a view to conducting an evaluation of the 104 recommendations that were received including a four year implementation plan to address the accepted recommendations.

2. Grenada is also pleased to advise that out of the 104 recommendations, it has accepted 62 recommendations and noted 42. Grenada' responses to the recommendations are presented according to thematic sectors.

Recommendation	*State position*	*Comments*
Thematic area 1: Scope of international obligations		
72.1;72.2	Accepted	Grenada will continue to review and consider the ratification of human right treaties within the context of its resources and priorities. It should be noted that Grenada has already ratified the core International Human Rights Treaties.
72.3;72.4;72.5;72.6;72.7;72.8; 72.9;72.10	Noted	Grenada cannot accept these recommendations because death penalty is still part of the laws of Grenada. A de facto moratorium has been in place since 1978 and death penalty is no longer mandatory as enunciated in the Privy Council's decision in 2006.
72.11;72.12	Accepted	Grenada supports these recommendations having ratified the Convention of the Rights of the Child in 1990.
72.13	Accepted	Grenada accepts this recommendation and draws attention to recently concluded and updated Education, Child Protection and Domestic Violence Acts respectively.
72.14;72.15;72.16;72.17;72.18; 72.19;72.20; 72.21;72.22	Accepted	Grenada supports these recommendations but is concerned about the burden that is associated with the reporting process and therefore solicits the assistance of the international community in the ratification of treaties and in the reporting process. Additionally, Grenada ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2014.

72.23;72.24	Noted	Grenada will continue to review all of the treaties and human rights instruments with a view to taking a position on them within the context of their relevance to Grenada and in keeping with our resource capacity.
72.25	Accepted	Grenada supports this recommendation.
Thematic area 2: Institutional and human rights infrastructure and policy measures		
72.26;72.27	Accepted	Grenada supports these recommendations
National Human Rights Institution		
72.28;72.29;72.30;72.31;72.32; 72.33	Accepted	The Government of Grenada accepts these recommendations and has already began consultations on whether it should set up a National Human Rights Institution or strengthen and expand the Office of the Ombudsman to function in accordance with the Paris Principles.
Thematic area 3: Cooperation with treaty bodies		
72.34;72.35	Accepted	Grenada accepts these recommendations and will seek technical assistance, as requested, to ensure overdue reports are submitted.
Thematic area 4: Cooperation with special procedures		
72.36;72.37;72.38	Noted	Grenada is willing to cooperate with all human rights mechanism as it relates to extending open invitation. However in view of the burden associated with open invitation, bearing in mind the limited resources of Grenada, Government at this time cannot extend an open invitation to special procedure.
Thematic area 5: Cooperation with the OHCHR		
72.39	Accepted	Grenada accepts this recommendation and has at the genesis of the second review begun engaging the OHCHR in this regard.
Thematic area 6: Equality and non-discrimination		

72.40;72.41	Accepted	Since Grenada's first review, it has established a National Coordinating Committee for Human Rights and has in partnership with civil society begun the process of public awareness on human Rights issues. Additionally, as highlighted in Grenada's national report on January 27, 2015, Grenada continues to make strides in the elimination of discrimination particularly against women, children and persons with disabilities especially in the areas of education and in the work place and continues to embark on policies and initiatives aimed at eradicating discrimination in all its forms.
Thematic area 7: Right to life, liberty and security of the person		
Right to life/death penalty		
72.42;72.43;72.44	Noted	The Government of Grenada cannot accept these recommendations because the Death Penalty is still part of the laws of Grenada. However Grenada has in place a de facto moratorium on the death penalty which has been in place since 1978.
72.45;72.46	Accepted	Grenada is undergoing a constitutional reform process and discussions regarding the death penalty are anticipated and will be facilitated within the review process.
72.47;72.48	Noted	Grenada notes these recommendations.
Right to life/abortion		
72.49	Noted	Grenada notes this recommendation.
Violence and trafficking		
72.50;72.51,72.52;72.53;72.54	Accepted	Government of Grenada accepts these recommendations. It is important to note that since Grenada's first review, the Government has made significant advances made in Policies, Protocols and Standard Operating Procedures regarding Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.
Thematic area 8: Administration of justice, including impunity, and the rule of law		
Juvenile Justice		
72.55	Accepted	Grenada accepts this recommendation noting that government has passed a new Child Protection Act and a Juvenile Justice Act since Grenada's first review.

72.56;72.57;72.58	Noted	Grenada notes these recommendations. The Age of criminal responsibility was recently upon the recommendation received during the first review increased from 7 to 12 years.
72.59;72.60	Accepted	Grenada supports these recommendations.
Thematic area 9: Right to privacy, marriage and family life		
72.61;72.62;72.63;72.64;72.65; 72.66;72.67;72.68;72.69;72.70; 72.71;72.72;72.73;72.74;72.75; 72.76	Noted	Grenada cannot accept these recommendations as this is an offence under domestic legislation. Government would however continue to raise awareness on the issue and encourage tolerance.
Thematic area 10: Right to social security and to an adequate standard of living		
72.77	Accepted	Grenada supports this recommendation.
Thematic area 11: Right to health		
72.78;72.79;72.80	Accepted	Grenada accepts these recommendations and will continue to implement programmes that will provide efficient and holistic health care services with a view to achieving a national health-care system that serves the need of the populace.
Thematic area 12: Right to education		
72.81;72.82;72.83;72.84	Accepted	Government accepts these recommendations and will continue to strive to strengthen ongoing initiatives within the education sector.
Thematic area 13: Persons with disabilities		
72.85;72.86	Accepted	Grenada ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2014 and will continue to address the concerns of the persons with disabilities in its jurisdiction.
Thematic area 14: Women's rights		
72.87;72.88;72.89;72.90;72.91; 72.92	Accepted	Grenada accepts these recommendations to continue promoting the rights of women.

72.93	Noted	Grenada notes this recommendation but draws the Working Group's attention to the fact that Grenada is currently ranked 23 out of 142 democracies in the Inter-parliamentary Union world classification of "Women in National Parliaments having 33.3 % of women participation in parliament." On average, women in Grenada make up 28.6% representation on public sector Boards, 25.8% on private sector Boards, 29.1% on trade union Boards and 54% on NGO Boards.
Thematic area 15: Children's rights		
72.94,72.95,72.96;72.97	Accepted	Government accepts this recommendation to further take appropriate measures to protect children under its laws.
Thematic area 16: Children – corporal punishment		
72.98;72.99;72.100	Noted	Grenada cannot yet accept this recommendation because the local laws in some instances permit corporal punishment. However government continues to raise awareness of the issue and to encourage its non-application.
Thematic area 17: Child labour and human trafficking		
72.101;72.102;72.103,72.104	Accepted	Grenada accepts this recommendation and Grenada has since passed in Parliament, The Prevention of Trafficking in Person Act 34 of 2014.